



NEWS

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**DOE To Host Public Scoping Meetings on Cleanup Alternatives for the
Remediation of the Moab Mill Tailings Site and Vicinity Properties**

(Grand Junction, CO) — The U.S. Department of Energy Grand Junction Office (DOE–GJO) invites all interested citizens, groups, and agencies to attend a public scoping meeting on remediation alternatives for the *Environmental Impact Statement* for the former uranium ore-processing site and vicinity properties near Moab, Utah. Meetings dates and locations are listed at the end of this news release.

During the scoping meetings, DOE will present information about the National Environmental Policy Act process and the proposed scope of the *Environmental Impact Statement* that will assess the potential environmental impacts of actions that would remediate contaminated soils, mill tailings, and ground water at the Moab Project Site and at vicinity properties. The meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to present oral or written comments on the scope. "We would like input from the public on the issues and the scope citizens think the Department of Energy should consider in the preparation of the draft *Environmental Impact Statement*," said Joel Berwick, Moab Project Manager for DOE–GJO.

The public comment period on the scope of the *Environmental Impact Statement* began with the December 20, 2002, publication of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* and will end on February 14, 2003. Additional information about the Moab cleanup project is available on the DOE–GJO website at www.gjo.doe.gov/moab/moab.html. The Internet address to submit comments via email is moabcomments@gjo.doe.gov or a message can be left on the toll-free *Environmental Impact Statement* hotline at 1–800–637–4575.

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Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

January 21, 2003

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

885 East Main Street

Green River, Utah

January 22, 2003

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Moab Valley Inn

711 South Main Street

Moab, Utah

January 23, 2003

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. White Mesa Ute Meeting

Recreation Center

White Mesa, Utah

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Navajo Meeting

College of Eastern Utah

Arts and Events Center Conference Room

639 West 100 South

Blanding, Utah

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Public Meeting

College of Eastern Utah

Arts and Events Center Auditorium

639 West 100 South

Blanding, Utah

January 28, 2003

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Old City Hall

200 Park Place

East Carbon, Utah

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